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- i. [redacted] the following numbers of empty
railroad cars were dispatched abroad in February 1953:

U.S.S.R. (Frest Litovsk)

4,133 boxcars (grain shuttle cars)

3,160 gondola cars (for ore)

164 S, SS, SSL, Runns-type flatcars 1

Czechoslovakia

30 refrigerator cars (for meat) 2

Poland

1,036 gondola cars (for coal) ³

2. [redacted] the following numbers of empty railroad cars were dispatched to East Germany from foreign countries in February 1953: 25X1

Poland

1,290 (for potash)

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1. Comment. According to previous information, 3,435 carloads of grain were imported from the U.S.S.R. in February. As the report indicates that the number of empty railroad cars leaving East Germany en route to the U.S.S.R. exceeded the level of incoming grain traffic, increased grain imports may be expected in March. Such an increase of grain imports appears plausible in view of the critical food situation in East Germany. The numbers of empty freight cars dispatched to the U.S.S.R. for the importation of ores are included in transportation reports on rail traffic through East German border crossing stations.

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According to the present report an average of 113 cars was daily dispatched to the U.S.S.R. for ore shipments. This figure agrees with information obtained from reports on border crossing traffic. The dispatch to West Litovsk of heavy-duty flatcars, possibly to be used for the shipment of tanks to East Germany, was reported previously. [redacted] However, no tank shipments were observed arriving in East Germany prior to 26 February. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Refrigerator car shipments from Czechoslovakia were reported previously. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. An increased number of railroad freight cars dispatched via Cuben, Forst and Horka for coal imports from Upper Silesia was reported previously. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] Rhumspringe is located near the zonal boundary of West Germany on the Herzberg-Zwinge railroad line.

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